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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Harold  
4 Ray Ponder of Hammond, who passed away on October 26, 2008; and

5           WHEREAS, Harold Ray Ponder was born on December 12, 1944 in  
6 Decatur, the son of Ray and Maude Eskridge Ponder; he married  
7 Katana Sue Flanagan on April 12, 1973 in Arcola; and

8           WHEREAS, He was a farmer and sold crop insurance for CF&H  
9 Insurance; he was the former mayor of Hammond; he was a former  
10 member and past president of the Atwood-Hammond School Board;  
11 he served on the Hammond Mutual Drainage District Board; Mr.  
12 Ponder formerly owned and operated Ponder Seed Company; and he  
13 was a member of the Hammond United Methodist Church; and

14           WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; and

15           WHEREAS, Harold Ray Ponder is survived by his wife, Katana;  
16 his sons, James Ponder and his wife, Jennifer and Josh Ponder  
17 and his wife, Becky; his daughter, Kris Wagner and her husband,  
18 Calvin; his brother, Joe Ponder; and his granddaughters, Alex  
19 and Gabrielle; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
2 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Harold  
3 Ray Ponder; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Harold Ray Ponder as a symbol of our  
6 sincere sympathy.